

HAVE JURY TRIALS, SAY COMMISSIONERS

Proposal That Doctors Pass on Insanity Cases Not Approved.

Attorneys and Alienists Say Laymen Are Best Judges.

Superintendent W. A. White's recommendation that insane persons and others suspected of being mentally unbalanced be sent to the Government Hospital for the Insane without a trial by a jury of laymen is not approved of by the District Commissioners or prominent Washington alienists. It is pointed out that the adoption of the superintendent's suggestion would be unconstitutional in view of the fact that that document gives every man a right to a jury trial.

It is denied by attorneys and alienists that doctors are better qualified to pass upon the sanity than twelve laymen, as stated by Dr. White in his report to the Secretary of the Interior. Attorneys who have often figured in insanity cases in court say they know of no person who wanted to waive their right to a jury trial and insist that the commitment of an individual to the hospital without a hearing before twelve men would be illegal and unconstitutional.

Method Used Best.

Commissioner Macfarland yesterday declared the present system of committing persons to the asylum had been thoroughly investigated by Corporation Counsel Thomas and his predecessor, Mr. Duval, who declared it to be the only legal method of handling insane persons or suspects. "The constitution says that no man shall be deprived of his liberty without due process of law," said Mr. Macfarland, "and it certainly would be without due process of law to commit anyone to an asylum without a jury trial."

Commissioner Macfarland said: "Congress changed the law so as to require a jury trial on the theory that no person should be deprived of liberty without due process of law and that under the United States Constitution that means a jury trial. The present Corporation Counsel, Mr. Thomas, and the former Corporation Counsel, Mr. Duval, discussed this matter in opinions to the Commissioners, which favored the present system for the reason given. There is much to be said for deciding cases of suspected insanity without a jury trial, but the weight of legal advice seems to be against it."

House Investigation.

Dr. White, in his annual report, spoke of the House investigation of the institution over which he presides, and declares that the investigation disclosed the "justness of the stricture which I

RED CROSS FUND COMES FROM STAMPS

Raise Money on Christmas Souvenirs to Fight Tuberculosis.

The National Red Cross Association has adopted a novel method to secure funds which will be devoted to the prevention and extinction of tuberculosis in this country.

The society which has undertaken this fight against consumption has placed on sale at different places of business all over the city the "Christmas Stamps" from the sale of which the little kingdom of Denmark has erected and maintained a hospital for tubercular children. It is claimed that millions of these stamps are sold in Denmark every year.

The stamps are the size of an ordinary postage stamp. The top and sides are bordered with holly, while at the bottom are the appropriate words, "Merry Christmas." They are primarily supposed to be used as seals or greetings for the outside of letters and packages, but can be used to slip into small parcels as greeting cards. One is all that is necessary, but some who have been using them place a number of them on the backs of envelopes or on packages in various designs. They can be bought for one or two cents apiece, and make an attractive ornament.

The sale of these "Christmas Stamps" has poured into the Red Cross Society of Germany sufficient funds to establish and aid materially in maintaining its Sanatoria, day camps, its dispensaries and its workmen's gardens for tubercular sufferers. The efficient manner in which Germany has fought the maul is known all over the world and, according to the American Red Cross officials, it was mainly the example set by little Denmark and Germany that decided them to follow with a similar plan.

The American Red Cross is planning, with the approval of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, to scatter throughout this country Red Cross day camps for consumptives, and it is expecting to secure its funds through the sale of these penny "Christmas Stamps."

have heretofore placed on the methods of procedure in the District.

The superintendent asks for \$40,000 additional for repairs to the institution, and, after pointing out the fact that the average daily increase of patients to the hospital is twenty-seven, and stating that it costs \$220 per capita to care for the patients, he asks for a proportionate increase in the annual appropriation.

COFFEE SPICE CAKE.

For the holiday sweets, coffee spice cake may be a new kind and it is worth making. Take one and one-half cups of sugar, one-half cup of butter, one-half cup of cold coffee, one-half cup of molasses, one egg, one cup of raisins, teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful each of cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg, two cups of flour. Bake with a slow fire.

SENATORS PLEASED BY ADJOURNING OF CHANCELLOR CASE

Members of the House Discuss Abolishment of School Board.

Satisfaction was expressed yesterday by some of the Senate District Committee members over the fact that the District school board seemed disposed not to hasten the Chancellor hearing and had taken a recess for the evident purpose of giving Dr. Chancellor full opportunity for defense. It was the impression in District Committee circles that the board had concluded it would be better to follow the advice given by Senator Gallinger and Senator Burkett in District Committee circles that the board should not call a meeting of the committee to consider the Burkett resolution when Senator Burkett was requested to, but that he had received no request as yet. Senator Burkett indicated that on account of the vacancies in the committee he might let the matter rest until after the holiday recess.

Senator Burkett has become thoroughly interested in the case and has undertaken a careful review of the evidence on his own account. House sentiment is more pronounced on the Chancellor case than it is in the Senate. Plenty of talk can be heard to the effect the school board ought to be abolished and the management of the schools vested in the hands of the District Commissioners. A leading member of the Senate District Committee said that the House was in a frame of mind to get rid of the school board and put control of the schools in other hands.

Concerning talk that members of the school board might resign unless Dr. Chancellor was discharged, Senator Burkett said he thought it hardly likely there would be any resignations.

NEW CANDY STORE OPENED: CARAMELS ITS SPECIALTY

A new candy store has been opened at 221 Eleventh street northwest, by G. H. Roberts, of Boston, formerly connected with the well-known firm of Curtis & Moore, manufacturers of fine confectionery and chocolates.

The opening is especially appropriate to the holiday season, when so much candy is bought. A fine grade of unwrapped caramels is a specialty of the new store.

ALEXANDRIA HILL MEMORIAL DEDICATED TODAY

Young People's Building of M. E. Church South to Be Opened.

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The George R. Hill Memorial, known as the Young People's building, which has been recently erected in the lot south of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by the members of that church, will be formally opened tomorrow. The opening services will continue the entire week. The Rev. Charles D. Bullis, pastor of the church, will direct the services.

The lot on which the Young People's building is erected was purchased on July 28, 1906; the ground for the new building was broken on May 22, 1907, and the cornerstones were laid on July 12, 1907.

The funeral of Miss Marion Beach Johnson, daughter of John M. Johnson, was held from the home of her father in Prince street this afternoon, and was largely attended. The Rev. P. P. Phillips, of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, conducted the services, and the pallbearers were William Brookes, Daingerfield Addison, Algernon Chalmers, Frank Garrett, J. T. Burke, Jr., J. W. Burke, and Frederick Taylor.

Judge Barley, in the corporation court today appointed M. L. Pinkey, a police agent for the Southern Railway Company, upon an application from that company.

At the Second Presbyterian Church tomorrow Tom Harrison, a converted railroad engineer, will deliver a sermon to men at 2:30 o'clock.

At the First Baptist Church tomorrow the Rev. Frank J. Berkeley, formerly of this city, but now of Leesburg, will occupy the pulpit at all the services.

3,000,000 SERVANT GIRLS AS DICTATORS IN GERMANY

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—The German domestic are forming a national labor union to organize their forces for the betterment of their condition. The union, it is hoped, will enroll all the 3,000,000 servant girls in Germany.

The union's main purposes are: The raising of servants to the status of other work people; the establishment of a working agreement whereby servants shall be enabled to dictate minimum wages, maximum working hours, and the right to strike; the abolition of professional help bureaus, and the substitution of employment bureaus under the control of the Servants' Union.

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